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The Continued Airworthiness Assessment Methodology Working Group plans to seek approval of a technical report that it drafted under the fast track process. Three HWG's will be seeking approval of work plans: The Mechanical Systems HWG will be addressing taskings associated with §§ 25.841(a) and 25.831(g), the Airworthiness Assurance Working Group will be addressing a tasking associated with multiple supplemental type certificates, and the Loads and Dynamics HWG will be addressing a tasking associated with § 25.301(b).

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to the availability of meeting room space and telephone lines. Details for participating in the teleconference will be available after September 4 on the ARAC calendar at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/arm/araccal/htm>, or by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Persons participating by telephone will be responsible for paying long distance charges.

The public must make arrangements by September 5 to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the committee at any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Transport Airplane and Engine issues or by providing copies at the meeting. Copies of the documents to be presented to ARAC for decision or as recommendations to the FAA may be made available by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for the meeting or meeting documents, please contact the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

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Tony F. Fazio,

Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

User Input to the Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA will hold an informal public meeting to seek aviation weather user input. Details: September 18, 2001; Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana; 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in room 291. The objective of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested aviation weather users to provide input on FAA's plans for implementing new weather products.

DATES: The meeting will be held at 1:00-5:00 PM, on September 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 291 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130 in conjunction with the National Business Aviation Association, Inc. (NBAA) annual convention.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debi Bacon, Aerospace Weather Policy Division, ARS-100, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number (202) 385-7705; Fax: (202) 385-7701; email: debi.bacon@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.debi.bacon@faa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

In 1999, the FAA established an Aviation Weather Technology Transfer (AWTT) Board to manage the orderly transfer of weather capabilities and products from research and development into operations. The Director of the Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff, ARS-20, chairs the AWTT Board. The Board is composed of stakeholders in Air Traffic Services, ATS; Regulation and Certification, AVR; and Research and Acquisitions, ARA in the Federal Aviation Administration and the Office of Meteorology in the National Weather Service.

The AWTT Board will meet semi-annually or as needed, to determine the readiness of weather research and development (R&D) products for experimental use, full operational use for meteorologists or full operational use for end users. The Board's determinations will be based upon criteria in the following areas: users needs; benefits; costs; risks; technical readiness; operational readiness and budget requirements.

The user interface process is designed to allow FAA to both report progress and receive feedback from industry users. Each AWTT Board meeting will be preceded by a half-day industry review session approximately one month prior to each Board meeting. These industry review sessions will be announced in the **Federal Register** and open to all interested parties.

This meeting is the second industry review session and is intended to receive feedback on weather R&D products that will be presented for consideration at the November 2001 AWTT Board meeting. The products to be considered are the Integrated Icing Diagnosis Algorithm (IIDA) and the Integrated Icing Forecast Algorithm k(IIFA).

Meeting Procedures

(a) The meeting will be informal in nature and will be conducted by representatives of the FAA Headquarters.

(b) The meeting be open to all persons on a space-available basis. Every effort was made to provide a meeting site with sufficient seating capacity for the expected participation. There will be neither admission fee nor other charge to attend and participate. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the NBAA annual conference. There is a charge to attend the NBAA conference; however, any person attending this informal meeting only will be admitted by NBAA conference officials to this meeting only at no charge.

(c) FAA personnel present will conduct a briefing on how the AWTT system works and changes to the process made in the last year. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the process that is not clear.

(d) FAA personnel will present a briefing on the specific products to be reviewed at the November 2001 AWTT Board Meeting. Any person will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation and FAA personnel will clarify any part of the presentation that is not clear.

(e) Any person present may give feedback on the products to be presented. Feedback on the proposed products will be captured through discussion between FAA personnel and any persons attending the meeting. The meeting will not be formally recorded. However, informal tape recordings may be made of the presentations to ensure that each respondent's comments are noted accurately.

(f) An official verbatim transcript or minutes of the informal meeting will not be made. However, a list of the attendees, a digest of discussions during the meeting and an action item list will be produced. Any person attending may receive a copy of the written information upon request to the information contact, above.

(g) Every reasonable effort will be made to hear each person's feedback consistent with a reasonable closing time for the meeting. Written feedback may also be submitted to FAA personnel for up to seven (7) days after the close of the meeting.

Agenda

- (a) Opening Remarks and Discussion of meeting Procedures
- (b) Briefing on AWT Process
- (c) Briefing on Weather Products
- (d) Request for User Input
- (e) Closing Comments

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Frances Sherertz,

Deputy Director, Aerospace Weather Policy and Standards Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2001-10478; Notice No. 01-10]

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Proposed Guidance for the Use of Binding Arbitration Under the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed guidance and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODAR) of the FAA, a modal administration of the United States Department of Transportation, proposes to use binding arbitration among other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) techniques for

purposes of resolving bid protests and contract disputes relating to procurements and contracts under the FAA Acquisition Management System. The Guidance, which is set forth in full on the Internet at <http://www.faa.gov/agc/guidnce.htm>, was developed pursuant to the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act (ADRA) of 1996, Pub. L. 104-320 (October 19, 1996), 5 U.S.C. 571-583. In accordance with Section 575 of the ADRA, the FAA has submitted the Guidance to the Attorney General for consultation. The Attorney General has informed the FAA that he concurs in the Guidance.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Guidance may be delivered, mailed, or sent by facsimile to the FAA Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition, AGC-70, Room 8332, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, facsimile number (202) 366-7400. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the following Internet address: marie.collins@faa.gov. Comments may be examined in Room 8332, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., weekdays except federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie A. Collins, Dispute Resolution Office, FAA Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition, AGC-70, Room 8332, Federal Aviation Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone number (202) 366-6400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to participate in the finalization of the Guidance by submitting such written comments, views, or arguments as they may desire. All comments received will be available for public inspection before and after the comment closing date. All comments received on or before the closing date will be considered by the FAA. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The Guidance referenced in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received.

Availability of the Guidance

This notice and request for comments merely identifies the Guidance. A complete copy of the Guidance may be downloaded from the Internet at the FAA Website at <http://www.faa.gov/agc/guidnce.htm>, or may be obtained from the ODRA directly.

Background

In the ADRA of 1996, Congress authorizes federal agencies to utilize binding arbitration to resolve administrative disputes, provided that conditions specified in the ADRA are satisfied. Among other things, the ADRA requires that interested agencies develop and issue guidance on the appropriate use of arbitration. In accordance with Section 575 of the ADRA, the FAA Guidance for use of binding arbitration to resolve government contract disputes was developed in consultation with the Attorney General. The FAA has been informed by the Department of Justice that the Attorney General concurs in the Guidance.

The Guidance satisfies the requirements regarding binding arbitration specified by the ADRA of 1996; and addresses use of binding arbitration in a manner consistent with the FAA dispute resolution process and the ODRA's procedural rules, 14 CFR 17.

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David G. Leitch,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM-01-111-165]

Certification of In-seat Power Supply Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy statement; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of a proposed policy statement that clarifies current FAA policy with respect to certification of in-seat power supply systems.

DATES: Send your comments on or before September 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Slotte, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airplane and Flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425)227-2315; fax (425)227-1320; e-mail: steve.slotte@faa.gov.